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College chosen as home for novel health project

A unique health project that will focus national attention on Lycoming College will be launched Feb. 4 on campus.

The project is the Community Health Improvement Project (CHIP), a novel attempt to reduce heart disease and stroke in Lycoming County through prevention and risk-reduction techniques and programs.

Lycoming College has signed a contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to serve as the home base for CHIP. As the host, the college will provide office space, bookkeeping and other business and oversight functions and hire the staff of the newly created Institute of Community Health. It is the institute that actually will serve as the base of operations for CHIP and many of its activities.

According to the state health department, there are four objectives of the project, which is based on similar programs in California: To control morbidity and mortality from heart disease, stroke and related diseases; to decrease individual risks related to smoking, hypertension, serum cholesterol, obesity and exercise; to change the attitudes and behavior of Lycoming Countians concerning these risks, and to produce a permanent community risk-reduction program.

CHIP plans to achieve those objectives by conducting a media campaign to better educate the public, provide health-hazard appraisals, conduct life-style workshops, organize a comprehensive hypertension-control program and design other programs for use by schools and industries.

Lycoming County was chosen as the site of the one-of-a-kind project because of work being done at Williamsport Hospital on hypertension and obesity by Dr. Albert Stunkard, a professor of psychiatry at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. It was Dr. Stunkard who proposed to the department of health that a coronary primary-prevention project be tried in the county.

Lycoming College was chosen as the host for CHIP by a steering committee of community leaders that is providing community input. That committee is comprised of representatives of the county medical society, the county commissioners, industry, banking, education and the news media.

It is envisioned that CHIP will be
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Phys-ed center interior begins to take shape

Steadily and surely, crews for Bloom-Penn Contractors, Inc., of Bloomsburg, are piecing together the interior of the new Physical Education and Recreation Center southeast of the Academic Center.

The upper floor, which contains the gymnasium, athletic department offices, main entrance lobby and natatorium bleachers, still looks very rough. But the lower floor, which contains the locker, wrestling and all-purpose rooms, storage areas and the swimming pool itself, resembles very much a finished product. Masons have completed most of their work there and have moved upstairs.

As the first photos of the interior show, a lot of work remains to be done. But the first glimpses of the interior also provide a good idea of what the upper floor office area (upper photo) and natatorium bleachers (lower photo) will look like when finished. The upper photo was taken facing the northwest corner of the phys-ed center, which faces the Academic Center. The lower photo was taken facing south. The center runs east and west on campus.

Work is on schedule for a late summer completion date. Unless something unforeseen occurs, the phys-ed center should be open for business in the fall.



President's Corner

Colleges and universities exist to promote discovery and instruction. Most small colleges emphasize teaching, perhaps because this is what we do best, but also because too often we assume that significant discovery is more likely at a research university and we don't want to advertise our competition. That assumption should be examined more critically.

A good point of departure for such an examination is Saul Bellow's memorial tribute to Harold Rosenberg (See University of Chicago Record, Vol. XIII, Number 5, pp. 188-190). Commenting on Goethe's conception of art, Professor Bellow unintentionally highlights the essence of discovery and thereby the true nature of education.

Goethe lamented that the brains and artistic talent of early 19th century Germany were scattered. He believed France enjoyed an enormous advantage because her leading talents had congregated in Paris where they fed each other's genius. Goethe believed artistic genius is infectious.

Perhaps, but artistic genius must never be confused with imitation, even good imitation. The advantage which Goethe believed Paris offered, Bellow declares, "is not an advantage which can be reproduced... (or) transplanted for 'artistic purposes'." To illustrate the point he recalls Rosenberg's description of Greenwich Village, "a transplant, an imitation of Paris." "Greenwich Village was the gate through which American artists entered the twentieth century as semi-Frenchmen." Consequently, the true benefit of Greenwich Village was to serve as a bad example!

Campus Notes

MORTON A. FINEMAN, a member of the department of astronomy/physics, attended the fall session of a National Science Foundation course on "Science of Sound." It was held at The Pennsylvania State University on Nov. 15-16. Dr. William Savage, a professor of physics at the University of Iowa, conducted the course. He is engaged in an acoustical study of plucked string instruments.

JON BOGLE, ROGER SHIPLEY, TERRY WILD and RUANE MILLER, of the art department, presented an exhibition of their works at the Community Gallery of Lancaster County from Dec. 12-30. They are known as the "Lycoming Group." Shipley also displayed a one-man exhibition of his work at the H & S Picture Frame Gallery in Williamsport during the month of December.

WILLIAM FORD, a member of the English department, had three of his poems published in the November, 1979, edition of College English. He is on sabbatical leave for the 1979-80 academic year.

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To avoid imitation, the artist must develop his own style. Discovery in art—and everywhere else, I believe—is not rediscovery, even when old wineskins are drawing a high price! Discovery is invention, at least re-invention. For this reason, the ideal environment for creativity and genuine discovery is not some place where one can "live like an artist" or an inventor. It must be a place where genius can develop and mature. This, according to Bellow, led Wyndham Lewis to assert that "what creative artists require most of all... is 'a cultural desert... a wholly excellent vacuum,'" the complimentary phrase Lewis used to describe America in 1914. "To yearn... for the cultural wealth of the past is not only melancholy but pernicious. Let imagination begin with what we have got, without nostalgia for Paris or Paradise," Rosenberg, Lewis, and Bellow want art "without a foreign return address!"

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continued permanently in the county and be used as a model for similar projects in other communities in the U.S. and the world.

Current funding for the project is coming from the state health department, the federal government and the World Health Organization. The project is the only one in the U.S. being supported by WHO.

Meet trustees . . .

Miller

G. Jackson Miller, of Altoona, Pa., has been a member of the board of trustees since 1973. He is the owner of Miller's Wholesale Florists in Altoona.

Miller established the firm in 1950. He is the son of Joseph S. and Esther A. Miller and a native of Lewistown, Pa. Miller is married to the former Marjorie A. Lofflin. They have two sons, Jon G. and Scott J.

Miller is a member of Simpson United Methodist Church and is very active in United Methodist Church affairs. He has served as a trustee and lay leader, lay speaker and lay member to district, annual, jurisdictional and general conferences. He also is a member of Logan Lodge F & A. M., Consistory and Jaffa Shrine, the Greenwood Lions, Lewistown B. P. O. E., and the Society of American Florists and Wholesale Flats and Flower Suppliers of America. Miller has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada.

As we look forward to a new decade, we will do well to ponder what this conception of artistic creativity and cultural development means for education. Creativity in art differs from creativity in science or literature, to be sure, but more in style than in essence. What is required of the artist is also crucial for the scholar: original thinking.

If we have ever thought at all, surely we know that no one else can do our thinking for us. There is simply no substitute for thinking, not even in teaching or learning (please excuse my sarcasm). Thinking is the substance of discovery.

In an advanced technological society, we cannot expect education to retain its vitality if it retreats into an academic ghetto, nostalgically drawing its strength from like-minded intellectuals (so-called) or from the "academic life." Its strength derives from creative spirits thinking about the real world with which we are all engaged. Academic ghettos, like Greenwich Village, are beneficial only as bad examples.

Rather than lamenting we are not like Harvard, or Chicago, or Stanford, we should be grateful to be Lycoming. Lycoming College is no ersatz left bank; neither is it an imitation Oxford on the Susquehanna. It has no foreign return address. Instead, it is "a wholly excellent vacuum," a place where serious thinking is in progress, diligently developing its own style.

For this reason alone Lycoming College can look forward to the 1980's with confidence.

Other cooperating groups include the University of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State University, who will design and conduct a community survey; the four hospitals in Lycoming County, who will use their facilities and resources in various ways; the Central Pennsylvania Health Systems Agency, the Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, the West Branch Manufacturers' Association, and the Pennsylvania Heart, Lung and Cancer Associations.



G. JACKSON MILLER

SPORTS

Basketball: Hustling cagers win 5 of 8; grab MAC lead

Balanced scoring, hustle and a never-say-die attitude. These are the ingredients Coach Dutch Burch's young cagers have used to fashion a 5-3 start. The start includes a perfect 3-0 mark in the Middle Atlantic Conference Northern Division West Section, good for first place.

Wins have come over Lock Haven State, Juniata, Scranton, Wilkes and York College. The 66-62 win over Scranton was especially pleasing because it was the first against the Royals in a decade. Losses have been to Army, Lehigh and Lebanon Valley in the final game of the Flying Dutchmen tourna-

ment. All the losses have been on the road.

Overall, the basketball team is scoring 67.6 and yielding 72 points per game. That differential indicates the Warriors have won the close games. Indeed, the five wins have come by a total of 12 points. Two of the wins were in double overtime: Wilkes, 81-78, and York College, 76-75. The Wilkes game was described by Burch as probably the greatest game ever played in Hilltop Gymnasium.

Three of Burch's starters are scoring in double figures. Senior co-captain Ray Graff leads the team in scoring with a 15.8 average. He's followed

by sophomore Adam Zajac, who is scoring at a 13.6 clip. Junior Mark Dugan is next, averaging 10.2 points per game. Burch's other starters, senior co-captain Tim Hill, and sophomore Earl Ostrander, are scoring nine and 6.6 points per game respectively. Together, the averages show balanced scoring at its best.

The cagers are into the toughest stretch of the season: 11 of 13 games on the road, including five of six MAC contests, and away games with powerful Bucknell University and Philadelphia Textile. Without a doubt, the stretch of games will show just how far balanced scoring, hustle and a never-say-die attitude will take the Warriors.

Women's Basketball: Warriors surprise of season

The surprise team of the winter sports season is Coach Deb Holmes' women cagers, who have won two of three games after winning only one game all of last year. The only loss was by four points on the road.

The wins have come over Misericordia, 71-58, and Williamsport Area Community College, 66-42. The loss was to Wilkes, 66-62, in a game that at one time had the women trailing by as much as 25 points. A tremendous comeback fell just short.

The team, in only its second season of intercollegiate competition, has been sparked by junior co-captain Terry Rhian and three freshmen, Sue Stamm, Heidi Rey and Carol Brackman. Stamm and Brackman share the team lead in scoring, averaging 14.6 points per game. Rhian and Rey follow right behind, averaging 14 points per game.

As do the men, the women cagers now go on the road for awhile, playing four of their next six games on opposing courts. Coach Holmes' squad then closes out the season with four straight home games.



Top row, left to right: Kathy Minick, Pam Walter, Heidi Rey, Carol Brackman, Sue Stamm, Deborah Holmes (coach).
Bottom row, left to right: Kim James, Terry Rhian, Jan Aurand, Karen Clark, Liz Higgins (manager).

Swimming: Squad outkicks 1 of 3 road opponents

Coach Dave Hair's swimming squad outsplashed one of three road opponents before heading to Florida for a Christmas-break practice trip that filled in a 34-day stretch between dual meets. The win came over Elizabethtown, 51-48, in the third

match of the season. The losses came to powerful Dickinson, 83-19, and Ursinus, 61-43.

As expected, senior tri-captains Mark Fultz and Bill Torney have sparked the

team. They've gotten support from sophomore Chris Milne, freshman Larry Lighthiser and freshman John Garman.

Fultz, who holds three Lycoming records, has picked up four firsts and three seconds in the 100, 200, and 500-meter freestyle events. He's also anchored the freestyle relay team. Torney has picked up four firsts in the four required and optional diving events he's entered. He's also picked up a first and a second in the 50-meter freestyle event.

Milne has picked up a first and a second in the 500-meter freestyle event. Lighthiser has picked up a first and a second in the 200-meter individual medley event. Garman has picked up three seconds in the 200-meter breaststroke event.

After a tri-meet against Kings and Rider at Kings College, Hair's swimmers finally will open at home Jan. 23 against Wilkes. They go on the road again to Wilkes, before closing the season with two out of three meets in friendly Hilltop Gymnasium.



Left to right: John Garman, Mark Fultz, John Murray, Larry Lighthiser, Larry Cipriano, Chris Milne, Bill Torney, Bill Torney, Andrea Denfeld, Wendy Gill, Leslie Daniel. In back: Dave Hair (coach).

Out of the Past

This hand-drawn picture of Old Main on the then Dickinson Seminary campus was published in a small souvenir book of Williamsport before the turn of the century. The book was published by the Ely & Shempp Company.

The picture was given to Lycoming College Report by Richard L. Mix, '51, of Williamsport.

Mix also provided photographs of news bulletins that appeared in the West Branch Bulletin of July 2, and Aug. 13, 1864. According to the news stories, the institution had 10 teachers at the time and 114 female and 200 male students. It was "in a very flourishing condition and one of which our borough may well be proud."

The Aug. 13 story said, "Dickinson Seminary is an institution, which ought to be particularly, the pride of Williamsport." The story announced the opening of the seminary for the fall term.

DICKINSON SEMINARY.



College cites congressman for service to district



A certificate of appreciation for service to his congressional district was given to Representative Allen E. Ertel by Lycoming College at a reception held Dec. 7 in Washington.

The certificate, presented by Dr. Frederick E. Blumer, college president, cited the Democrat's "responsive service and statesmanship in representing the citizens of the 17th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, the home of Lycoming College." It was signed by Dr. Blumer.

The reception, held in the hearing room of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation in the Rayburn Office Building on Capitol Hill, was hosted by the Washington area alumni club. Chairman of the event was Charles Kocian, '50.

Alumni from Maryland, Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia were invited. About 50 persons attended, along with President and Mrs. Blumer; Dean Shirley Van Marter and her husband; Dale V. Bower, '59, the director of alumni affairs; David Argall, student association president, and Randy Bates, freshman class president.

After receiving the certificate, Congressman Ertel reiterated the importance of Lycoming College to the city of Williamsport. He also recognized David Raker, '76, who served as his campaign manager in his bid for congress.

President Blumer spoke to the alumni on the "state of the college" and answered questions.

MORE SPORTS

Wrestling: Dual-meet season gets into full swing

Because Mansfield State College postponed its Dec. 13 wrestling meet with Coach Budd Whitehill's grapplers until Jan. 29, the wrestlers have competed in only one competition since their only dual meet, Dec. 4, a 33-12 win over Kings. That competition was the prestigious Lock Haven Invitational Tournament, in which the Warriors tangled with wrestlers from Division I schools such as Temple, Ohio State, Georgia, Indiana State, Pittsburgh and Lock Haven.

The grapplers didn't fare too well in that tourney, finishing 12th with no individual champions or runners-up. Things should improve as the dual-meet season gets into full swing, even though the grapplers face a tough schedule. In nine days beginning Jan. 11 Whitehill's squad tangles with Pittsburgh, Oswego, Bucknell, Rider and Delaware Valley. Four of the five matches are on the road.



First row, left to right: James Wallace, James Jennings, John Yarnell, Ron Royer, William Frazer, Pat Taggart, John Schrader.

Second row, left to right: Craig Shaner, Walter Fish, Tim Spruill, John Tomario, Gary Carlson, Mark Walters, Rick Carlson, Don Blackwell.

Third row, left to right: Gaspar Rodriguez, Mark Sawyer, Jim Maurer, Scott Koch, Ed Allen, Jim Carico, Phil Stoltz, William Herchakowski, Mark Beierschmidt.

